

Three Bloodie Murders: ³

The first, committed by *Francis Cartwright* vpon *William Storre*, Mr. of Art, Minister and Preacher at *Market Raissin* in the countie of *Lincolne*.

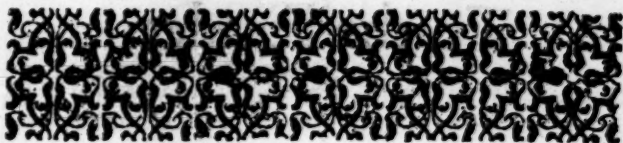
The Second, committed by *Elizabeth Iames*, on the body of her Mayde, in the Parish of *Egham* in *Surrie*: who was condemned for the same fact at Saint Margarets hill in Southwark, the 2. of Iuly 1613. and lieth in the White Lion till her deliuerie: discouered by a dombe Mayde, and a Dogge.

The Third, committed vpon a stranger, very lately, neere *High-gate* foure miles from *London*: very strangely found out by a Dogge also, the 2. of Iuly. 1613.



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To the Reader.



Or that some of CART-
WRIGHTS fauourites
wanting colour to excuse al-
together the foulness of his
fact, doe yet indeauour to
qualifie the same in what
measure they can, affirming
that hee being a young man,

was prouoked, and stirred vp by euill wordes to com-
mit that in the heate of his blood, which otherwayes
he would neuer haue committed. And some others,
being them selues either of a loose conuersation, or
at the least enemies to the Ministerie of the Gospell,
would seeme to extenuate the crime, by imputing it, as
a iust reward due, not onely to the partie murdered, but
also to the most of his calling for their ouer-bold
checking, and (as they tearme it) domineering ouer
their betters; because indeed, they reprocue the gene-
rall corruptions that so abounde in euery corner:
And least also it might happily be surmised by some in-
differently affected, that many thinges in this relation,
might partially proceede in fauour of the dead man,
from some of his friendes; it is therefore thought fitt,
for the better satisfiing of the later sort, to assure them,

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that there is nothing set downe, but that which is to be iustified by very sufficient prooſe: and for the better answering of the former scandalles, and ſuch like, heere be annexed the teſtimonie (as it were) of foure ſubſtanciall Iuries, which ſpeake of their credite what they knew concerning the man. The firſt doth conſiſt of the better ſort of his Pariſhioners where he remained: the ſecond, of the Worſhipfull in the Countie, to whom he was beſt knowne: the third, of the chiefe of ſuch Miniſters among whom he conuerſed: and the fourth, of the learned in the Vniuerſitie where he was brought vp.



The manner of the Mur-

ther of William Storre Mast. of Art,

Minister and Preacher at *Market*

Raisin in the Countie of *Lincolne*.

NDe long since, there happened some controuersy betwene the Lords and the rest of the Inhabitants of Market Raisin in the Countie of Lincolne, concerning their Commons and Libertie in the Towne-feldes; and the matter being mooued by one of them in the Church immediatly after Euening prayer on a Sabaoth day. diuers hot intemperate speeches passed among them: Whereupon their Minister, whose name was M. Storre, much disliking so indiscreete a course, willed them to haue respect both to the time, and place where they were: And further aduised; seeing the cause in hand concerned a multitude, (amongst whom, some of the least government, would alwayes be the readiest to speake,) that they would therefoze make choyce of two or thzee of the fittest, and most substantiall men, to answer, and undertake for all the rest. This motion seemed to please them well, and thereupon they intreated him, that he would first, as a man indifferent, speake what he thought concerning the cause. But he not willing to intermeddle in that matter, twise or thrise denied their request: And the rather, for that there was present one Francis Cartwright, a young man of an vnbizidled humour, the onely Sonne and Heire to one of the same Lordes of the Towne, betwixt whom, and himselfe, there was growne no

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small unkindnesse. Yet in the end, being pressed therewith by their importunitie, with the consent of both the parties, hee deliuered his opinion, vsing therein such discretion and reasons to confirme the same, that they could not directly except against him. Notwithstanding, seeing him incline more to the right of the Free-holders and the rest of the Commons, then to fauour their intended purpose, they seemed to dislike his speeches, and to cauill at the same.

Young Cartwright standing by, not able any longer to containe himselfe, tooke occasion hereupon to breake forth abruptly into these wordes. The Priest deserueth a good Fee, he speaketh so like a Lawyer. Maister Storre hauing often aforesetime had experience of his hotte stomacke, and hastinesse aswell towards others as himselfe, thought it best to reply little against him for that present. But the other respecting neither the time, nor place, nor yet the dutifull regard hee should haue had to his Fathers presence, bitered many more such base and odious tearmes, that for modestie sake, I forbear to rehearse them. The next morning as Maister Storre, and some others of his neighbours were talking with the elder Cartwright about these his Sonnes abuses, hee came vnto them where they were, interrupting their conference, and fell into the like outrageous raylings as he vsed the night before.

The Minister seeing this second incursion more violent then the former, replied to some of his wordes, returning them backe againe, as more properly to be applyed to himselfe.

This reply he tooke in such high disgrace, that had not his Father hindred it, hee had there presently with his Dagger effected some part of that mischief, which afterwarde hee put in practise: But beeing not suffered so to doe, hee departed from them into the open Market place, and there proclaymed, That Storre was a scurvie, lowsie, paltrie Priest: that whosoever sayd hee was his friend, or spake
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in his cause, was a Rogue and a Rascall: that hee would (but for the Law) cut his Throat, tear out his Heart, and hang his Quarters on the May-pole.

These speeches, and many moe of the like qualitie, being dayly giuen out, occasioned M. Storre to thinke it now high time to prouide for his owne safetie; and therefore hee went to some Iustices neere adioyning, acquainted them with these proceedinges, and desired the Good-behaviour against the sayd Cartwright. But they doubting whether they might graunt the same in this case, or not, offered him for his present safegard, The Peace, and the other at the next quarter Sessions, if occasion so required.

Hee not resolved what were best to be done, whether to accept of this offer, or to complaine himselfe before the High Commissioners; came home, and the next Sabaoth tooke his text out of Isaah Chap. x. verse 9. in these wordes. Except the Lord of Hostes had reserued vnto vs, euen a small remnant, we had been as Sodome, and like vnto Gomorrah. The which wordes, by the generall report euen of his enemies that heard him, he handled very learnedly, and deliuered out of the same, many poyntes of necessary doctrine; vsing euer among, sundry louing exhortations, now and then also as occasion serued, inserting some sharpe, and nipping reprehentions.

Young Cartwright seemed to note it diligently with his pen: but as the stomacke filled with raw humors, corrupteth all good nourishment that cometh therein; so this mans minde fraught with rancor and malice, wrenched all thinges he heard, into the worst sense, as purposely spoken against him; and after that, more and more thirsted for reuenge.

About a weeke after, he espyed M. Storre walking about eight of the clocke in the morning alone, by the south side of the Towne in his cloake, went to a Cutlers shop, and tooke out of the same a short Sword, formerly prouided, and made

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made very sharpe for that purpose, and presently ouertooke him. The other hearing one at his heeles, looked backe, and saw him drawing his Sword as he came, noting also by the palenesse of his visage, how mightely he was incented to mischief; and seeing no meanes either to escape, or to defend himselfe, was greatly agast, and purposed to vse some speeches (if it were possible) somewhat to allwage his passions.

But Cartwright being double armed, both with Force, and Furie, would abide no parly, but presently at the first blow, cutte his left Legge almost off; and then making at his Head, M. Storrs casting by his Armes to defende it, (for other weapon had he none,) hee gaue him two mortall woundes on the forepart thereof thorow the Braine-pan, cutt off three of his Fingers, and gaue him other two grievous woundes on the outside of either Arme betweene the Elbow and the Hand; the one to the middest of the Arme, and the other more then halfe in sunder, deuiding the maine Bone two ynches one part from another.

Thus mangled, hee fell backward into a puddle of water, and struiuing to reconer himselfe, the Splinter-bone of his Legge halfe cut thorow afoze, knapt in two, and his Peele doubled backe to the Calle of his Legge.

Cartwright not yet satisfied with the Blood he had already shed, continued his rage still more fiercely vpon him, and gaue him another gash on the outside of the right Thigh to the very bone: And againe on the left Knee, his Legge being bended as he lay, he cut him the fashion and compasse of an Horse-shoe, battering in peeces the Whirle-bone, and the nether part of the Thigh-bone, that it was most grievous euen to behold. Some smaller woundes he had, and sundry other blowes which came not to his skinne, as appeared by the mangling of his Apparell.

A Pappe comming that way by occasion of businesse, cryed out; wherewith hee fledde, and many of the Neighbour

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hours came presently to the place, and beholding this worfull spectacle, their Minister thus wallowing in the myze, and his blood so extreamely gushing out, ranne some of them into the Towne with such a confused noyse, and outcry of Further, that others hearing it, supposed there had beene fire, and went with all speed to towle the Belles. Thus was all suddenly in an uprore, yet few or none could tell what the matter was. The rest of more discretion, tooke up the wounded man, carryed him to the next house, where one of the Constables dwelt, and made very good and speedie meanes to binde vp his Woundes, and to stanch his blood.

Against the next day, was prouided a Bone-setter, and three or foure of the best Chyrurgions thereabout; who when they came to vyzell him, were of opinion, that if hee died not at the opening of his Woundes, and forcing together of his Bones, hee would at the least be very subiect to often sounding. Yet hee beyonde all their expectation, indured all extremities (which necessitie in that case imposed on him to abide,) for three howers space at the least, & neuer fainted, or changed colour: The which thing induced them to alter their minde, and to hope, (as it were) past all hope, that he would escape it. But the deadly blowes had so perished his Braines, & let out so great a quantitie of his Blood in other partes of his body, that it was not possible hee should recover: So that after hee had languished in very great paine from Monday morning till the next Sunday after midnight; (which was at the change of the Moone,) hee ended his life.

The time that hee thus continued, hee spent much to the profite of himselfe, and to no lesse comfort of those that came to visit him: For besides many diuine meditations hee dayly vttered, and thanks to God for his so mercifull a visitation, in giuing him both such time, and memorie to prepare himselfe: hee also heartily forgane, and continually

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prayed for his greatest and deadliest Enemie, whom hee esteemed now, in worse state and more miserable, then himselfe.

Now to leaue the dead man (as no doubt hee is) with the Lord: it is not amiss briefly to declare by what means the offender escaped.

Presently after he had committed this crueltie, he hasted home to his Fathers house, on the backe-side; and the truth of his fact being now knowne, many that were already assembled, and knew not at the first, about what matter, came to apprehende the fellow. But his Father fearing least in that desperate heate, hee should doe some more mischief, did what hee could to pacifie the tumult untill the Constables came, and then deliuered him. They sending for three or foure of such as they thought best, which had some of them seene the Woundes as well as one of the Constables himselfe had done, carryed him to a Justice: Where, either for lacke of their due information of the truth, or by the corrupt, and fauourable affection of the Magistrate, or both, there was a very slender bayle taken, and the malefactor by this slight sent away.

Presently after his escape, the manner of this further being so barbarous, and comming to the eares of the late L. Archb. of Canterburie, and of some other of the priue Councell, a Pursuant or Messenger was by them directed forth for the Justice that thus had bayled him: who not willing to make his appearance before their Honours, obtained by great and speciall meanes; and the rather, because of his age and impotencie (being not able to trauell) to haue the hearing of the cause vettered to the Judges of that circuit, at their next Assises. In the meane time, (as still he remaineth) hee was put out of Commission; and the Constable also in whose house M. Scorre died, was bound ouer to answer for his contempt.

When the Assises should haue been kept, vpon some occasion.

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cession, it was put off halfe a yeare : before which time, Cartwrights friends (hee himselife remayning one while in Fraunce, and another while in the Low-Countries) laboured by corrupt dealing, and buying information, to come about his Paierlie, to purchase his Pardone; and in the end, notwithstanding the foulenesse of the cause, obtained the same, and sent for him ouer againe into England.

The course of Justice (contrary to all expectation) thus being crossed, the poore Widow, though both her selfe and her five small Children depended onely on such charitable reliefe, as it pleased God to moue others to bestow vpon them, was ouercome with all speed, in the most dangerous time of sicknesse, to trauell to London, and there in her owne person (for none other might doe it) to sue forth her Appeale.

Wherevpon hee durst neuer shew himselife openly, but lurked in secret among his Friends, hoping that either the Widow might be compounded withall, or els to finde some error in her proceedings, to overthrow her Appeale. But when he could no way p[er]cuayle, either with the large offers dayly made to her for agreement, nor his counsaile finde any erronious proceeding, that might hold Plea in Law to stoppe her suite; hee fledde the seconde time, and (as it is thought) remayneth beyond the Seas, where hee was before.

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The testimonie of his Parishioners.

Foasmuch as some uncharitable people, not satisfied with the guiltlesse blood of M. Storre our late Minister, giue out flaunderous speeches against him now dead, as proceeding from vs his Parishioners: Wee therefore willing to cleare our selues from such vntrueths, doe giue to vnderstand to whom these presentes shall come: that as (no doubt) the fact was hapnous before God; so is it a thing most grievous vnto vs, aswell in regard of his Wife and five small Children, whose staffe of bread (as himselfe sayd) by this meanes is broken; as also chiefly that such a man should thus perish amongst vs, whose learning, diligence, and dexterity in teaching the word of God was equall (as we are perswaded) to the better sort of his fellow Ministers: his conuersation so answerable to his doctrine, and his carriage such in all his affayres, that (in our iudgement) it might haue been a president to direct a ciuill, and christian life. Thus hauing witnessed the trueth in the premises, wee cease. From Market Raifein.

Edm. Wright.	Mich. Iesoppe.	Tho. Harwicke.
Hum. Chapman.	Rich. Wright.	Will. Dannotte.
Iohn Dannotte.	Chri. Gyfford.	Iohn Cater.
Iohn Rutter.	Wil. Wright.	Will. Hansley.
Rich. Peckley.	Christ. Wright.	Leo. Hill.
Alex. Lamming.	Mich. Hanson.	Iohn Taylor.
Rob. Lillie.	Hen. Parker.	Iam. Robinson.
Tho. Brakes.	Pet. Parker.	Edw. Fawcett.

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The Testimonie of Knights and Esquires.

Being requested, for some speciall causes, to deliuer vnder our handes what wee knew concerning **W.** Storre late Vicar of Market Raifin, Wee whose names are subscribed, neighbours somewhat neere adioyning, thought it our Christian duetie to yeelde testimonie therein accordingly. And therefore doe signifie, that wee accompt the manner of his death, a part of most barbarous crueltie; so wee much lament that it happened to a man so well approved generally for a good Scholler, a painefull Preacher, and for many other commendable partes, which (if by vntimely death hee had not been cut off,) might otherwayes haue been greatly beneficiall both to the Church, and Common wealth. Given at Lincolne.

{ George Spoll.	Thomas Grantham.	} Knights.
{ Edward Ayscoghe.	Thomas Dalison.	
{ Edward Tyrwhitte.	Vincent Fulnetby.	
{ Phillip Tyrwitte.		

{ Char. Metham.	Richard Gedney.	} Esquires.
{ Ric. Rossetter.	Edw. Saltmarsh.	
{ Fran. Bullingham.		

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The Testimonie of Breachers.

WHEREAS upon the late Murder of William Storre
 Master of Artes and Preacher, of Market Rai-
 sin in the Countie of Lincolne, there hath been
 set abroche certaine reproches tending to his dis-
 grace, in fauour (as it is thought) of the offendour: Wee
 therefore the Ministers, to whom hee was best knowne, ei-
 ther by neerenesse of dwelling, or by conuersing with him,
 doe signifie to all those to whom this our Testimonie shall
 come, that wee alwayes held, and reputed the sayd William
 Storre, not onely for his Learning, and sufficiencie in his
 calling, a man farre passing many others: but also of such
 honest, and commendable bearing of himselfe in his life and
 conuersation, that his greatest Aduersaries could neuer
 while he liued, (as wee are verily perswaded) iustly take
 exception against him. In witnesse whereof, wee haue sub-
 scribed our names.

Law. Stanton.	Theo. Tarzey.	} Doctors, & Bachel- lers of Diuinitie.
George Garth.	Theo. Burton.	
Alex. Southwicke.	Rich. Reneger.	
John Chadwick.	Geor. Elan.	
Roger Parker.	Hen. Nelson.	
Rich. Terswell.	Will. Mason.	

John Downes.	Hugh Browne.	} Masters of Art.
Amos Bedford.	Paul Balyae.	
Cuth. Dale.	Rich. Bauman.	
John White.	Rob. Houghton.	
Will. Symonds.	Rich. Tresten.	
Will. Lownd.	Nich. Clarke.	

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The testimonie of the Vniuersitie.

FOrasmuch as wee are intreated by certaine Ministers of the Countie of Lincolne, to signifie what opinion wee helde of William Storre Baister of Artes, and late Fellow of Corpus Christi Colledge: Wee whose names are vnder witten, doe by these presentes, giue him this testimonie; that for the time of his aboade in our Vniuersitie, hee shewed himselfe very sober, and honest in his conuersation: Hee was of quiet carriage in his place, studious, learned, and religious: of great, and speciall hope to prooue a worthy member in the Church of Christ, Oxon.

John Howson Vicecan Oxon.

Edm. Lillie.	John Williams.	} Doctors of Diuinity,
Rich. Kilby.	Leon. Hutton.	
Raph Kennell.	Tho. Holland.	
John Aglionbye.	Geor. Abbot.	
Nich. Higges.	Hen. Airey.	
John Rainolas.	Will. Thorne.	
John Perin.		

Tho. Luddington.	Pet. Hooker.	} Bachelers of Diuinitie,
Chri. Membry.	John Barcham.	
Christ. Chalfount.	Edw. Hyrst.	
Robert Burhill.	Tho. Burton.	
Ri. Crakanthorpe.	Henry Hindle.	
Sebast. Bensfeld.	Rich. Alleine.	

FINIS.



The cruell Murder of a yong Maiden, committed by Elizabeth Iames, of the Parish of

Egham in Surrey, most strangely revealed by a
dogge, and a dumb-woman, for which she
dyed (being with child) she tyeth can-
demn'd in the VVhite Lyon in the
Southwarke.

All the life of a wife-man, is a meditation of death.

How happy are those men that are so truly wise: for
this serious meditation of death, is a sure shield of
defence, against the multitude of most grievous,
and dangerous temptations, that in this world,
men are subiect unto. Out of such a divine medi-
tation spake S. Hierome these words: Whether I eat or drink,
or whatsoever I doe, methinkes I heare alwaies sounding in mine
eares, *surgite mortui, &c.* Arise you dead, and come to iudgement.
Happy, thrice happy is that man, that this most blessed medi-
tation of death and iudgement, prepares and makes ready (in the
multitude of the mercies of Christ Iesus) for death and iudge-
ment: But how this sweet meditation is neglected, and the medi-
tation of mischief respected, and practiced, is by the many cru-
ell, bloody and damnable ends of it, almost every day, and in every
place laid open vnto vs. And among others, let vs look with wee-
eyes, and heauy hearts, vpon the cruelty of Elizabeth Iames,
Keepers wife of the Parish of Egham in Surrey, which was thus.

It chanced that a young Bayden, going to seeke a seruice,
came to the house of this woman, and desired her pitty, either to
take her in, and entertain her as a seruant, or there, as a Borderer.

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to let her stay a little time; till she might (thereabout) heare of a
seruite, and she would willingly content her sufficiently, both for
her boord, and house-roume: this woman seeing the Maide, to be
a pretty young wench, and handsomely apparreled; but especial-
ly minding the profitable promise she made her, with an outward
shew of pious compassion, & pittie, took her into her house; where,
for a time, she so kindly and lovingly vsed her, that the poore harm-
lesse Maide thought her selfe very happy, that it was her chance
to find out so good and vertuous a woman. But as tis common-
ly said; They that know least mischiefe, mistrust least; and so con-
sequently, are soonest deceived. 'Tis apparent betweene these
two, for this deceitfull woman, when she percein'd the Maide
had some stoys of money, by little, and little, some at one time,
and some at another, she nere left borroweing of her, till shee had
left no more to lend her; and not onely thus deceived her of her
money, but her cloathes also: when this poore Maide had many
times, patiently demaunded them, and could not get them,
shee was forced to complaine to her Maister, who, till then, knew
nothing of his wifes cosenage, and hard vsage of her: He pittie-
ing the Maides plaint, and very (honestly) willing that shee
should haue her owne, spoke some what sharply to his wife a-
bout them, and forced her to returne vnto her, that money and ap-
parell, that she so deceitfully had taken from her. Whereupon,
much strife arose betweene this wicked woman, and her honest
well-meaning husband: but of this good that he intended, much
more euill succeeded; for the next day her husband being gone
forth, about his ordinary businesses, as looking to his grounds,
and such like: this cruell woman, being empty of all grace, (as
wee haue before sayd) no thought of death and iudgement, no
loue to heauen, no feare of hell in her bosom; most mercilesly
dragged this silly maide, by the haire of her head, into an inner
Roome, where hauing her at that aduantage she looked for, shee
drew her knife, and told her that now shee would be soundly re-
uenged vpon her for the hard words, and blowes, that she had re-
ceiued from her husband, vpon the complaint that she had made
against her.

The poore Maide, seeing there was no hope of life, but in
mercy, vpon her knees, with her hands heau'd vp, her eyes drop-
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ping, and such pittifull greaning, as would haue effected pittie from a pagan, entreated that she would not kill her, and told her, that all that she had (if she would be so mercifull) should bee hers, and that she would presently bee gone, without speaking any word to any creature, of the mischiefe, she intended against her.

But neither her promises, prayers, teares, groanes, nor any other pittymoning action, that past from her, could turne that more then Tiger-hearted woman, from that bloody purpose: for presently she began her butcherie at the throte of this poore Mayden; which when she had so cruellly cut, (her hands reaking in the blood of it) with a hatchet that she had ready for the purpose, she cut off her head: then by the diuell prompted still, to the very vtmost of this most horrid impiety, she cut her poore wounded body into many small peeces, some of which she burnt, some boyled, and some in the dead time of night, she buried in her garden.

Her husband at his returne, when he mist the maiden, thought nothing, but that his wife had giuen her her due (as hee commanded) and turn'd her away. A day or two after, he was purposed to go digge that bed in his garden, vnder which his wife had buried the bloody peeces of that poore maidens body: but she perceiuing his purpose, desired him of all lone, that he would not stirre that bed, nor in any sort meddle with it, because she had bestowed great labor, and cost in seedes, that she had but newly sown in it: he thinking of no such mischiefe, as she fear'd would be discouered, did not goe as he purposed, but forboare, as she requested.

Thus, for a time, this bloody murder lay concealed, though to reueale it a poore dumb woman, that saw the cruelty acted, many times, and to many persons, by her signes, and dumb shewes, so well as she could did labour her best to bewray it. But from all her signes, as pulling her selfe by the haire, drawing her hand oze her throte, stabbing her selfe (as it were) vpon the breast, wjinging

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her hands; wailing for any thing that she could doe; they could not gather any thing; that they knew how to make any matter of. But here see the certainty of the sacred word of the Almighty; which sayes, that he that smites a man that he die, shall die for it, *Exod. 21*; See here (I say) the goodnesse of this omnipotent God; that sees sinne, hates sinne, and wil punish sinne: When this dumb woman sufficiently exprest her meaning, to make them vnderstand her, a hungry dogge senting about for prey, in the garden of this bloody murderesse, rent out the peeces of that poore Maidsen, that she had there buried; and then neuer left scraping vp the earth, till he found the head of her, which (by the haire of it) he carried in his teeth; and there befoze the honest Keeper, Goodman Iames, the bloody harted woman his wife, and other of his Neighboys that were with him laid it down: Upon the sight of this, they were all very much amazed, the innocent persons at the strangenesse of it; and the murderesse with her feare. When againe, this poore dumb woman, made signes to resolue them absolutely of the murder, in which she tooke vp the head, and pointing to the murderesse, shew'd how she cut it off. When waiking them with her hand to haue them follow her, she went into the garden, and there pointed to the bed, that the poore murdered maide was hid in. Her husband seeing this, presently call'd to mind, his wiues forbidding him to dig in the ground; the excuse that she made to prevent him, and by these circumstances began to haue selled thoughts of the death of his wife, in the murdering of this Maidsen, and presently digg'd a little deeper, and found other small peeces of her. The Neighbourhs likewise, by all these and other guiltie signes they saw in her, (which did as it were in plain confession betwixt her) did presently apprehend her to be a Murderesse, when being carried befoze a Justice, she was sent vp to the white Lyon in Southwarke, where long she lay not, ere at S. Margers hill, she was arraign'd, and sentenced to her deserved death: but because she is with

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with child, her execution is put off, till after her delivery.
From this sinne, and all other, good Lord deliver vs.

But now, tho this little be too much, I must speake
somewhat more of this bloody sin, but briefly, because yet
the cruell actor, or actors, cannot be found, or heard of.

Vpon Friday last, being the second day of Iuly, a maide
going a milking, nere Finchly, and with her a young
man, her fellow seruant, hauing a mastiffe dogge with
him: This dogge, while they were about their businesse,
strayd from them, senting vp and downe, to finde some-
what to feed on, and going thus too and fro (not farre from
the place where they were) in a by field, nere pletigate
lane, he found the slaughtered body of a man, vpon which
the dogge fraide feeding. After a little time, the young
man missing him, whistled and called about for him; and
by and by the dogge leapt oze a hedge out of the field, and
came to him, and being come presently hee retired to the
dead body againe. The young man marueiling to see him
so hastily and greedily go backe againe, followed him, and
being come to the place, found him feeding very earnest-
ly vpon a leg of that dead body, all which he had almost ea-
ten (for which, the young man presently after searing,
that hauing had a taste of humane flesh, he would be rane-
nous after it stil, and so prey vpon children, hanged him.)
But (as I was saying): this young man and the maide
seeing this lamentable spectacle, ran presently vp to the
Towne and told it, which was no sooner spoke, but ma-
ny both men and women came downe to see him, but a-
mongst them all, there was not any that knew him.

The body it seemed had lyen long in that place, before
it was thus found out, for the haire was fallne from the
head of it, and lay thereby in a cloth that had ben bound
about it, the eyes pickt cleare out of their places, and (as
some say) the empty holes, were fill'd vp with the dung
of birds, and some other such like filthinesse: his bodie
stunke so insufferably, that no man almost could endure

Of another cruell murder, &c.

to come within any reasonable distance of it. In the wounds that were to be seene upon his body, was to be seene, the most inhumane, bloody, and inexpressible cruelty, of that, or those Cains, those marble hearted villaines that there had kill'd him, for he had thre or foure thrusts, quite through his body, nere the heart, his nose was cut off, and his chaks were slit, and crosst so lamentably, that it was euen a terror almost to behold him.

Thus, foure dayes (after he was remon'd from the priuate place, where he was found) did he ly open, nere the high way, to the view of all passengers, to find if any amongst the multitude, that came to see him could know him. But, whether by reason his face, was so grievously disfigured with cuts, or otherwise, I know not, but there hath not bene any yet heard of, that could either tell his name, or the place of his dwelling.

But by whomsoever murdered, or wheresoeuer he dwelt, he now lies there buried in the high way, nere the place where hee was murdered, and found: and till the Murderers can be found here is all that can be spoken of him; what they are, and where they are God knowes, and will (no doubt) at his good will and pleasure reueale them. For, whosoever they doe yet ly hidden from the eyes of men, from the all-seeing eye of the almighty God, they do not: but that's a thing we too seldome thinke on. For as a reuerend Doctor sayes concerning this: If we could alwaies haue in minde these three things, viz. that there is an eye aboue vs, that sees all we do, an eare that heares all we say, and a booke, in which all our words and deeds are written, we should neuer sin, (meaning capitally).

This Almighty God, that sees all, beares all, and knowes all, giue vs all grace to meditate of those things, and labour in those things, that make to his hono., and glory, and the happinesse of our soules, with him in his blessed kingdome, everlastingly, Amen.

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